Rs./Per Qtl.

WHEAT	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
	Prov.	Prov.	(RE)	(BE)
A Pooled Cost	507.12	510.07	510.07	570.66
B. Proc. InciTPort Clearance charges	110.08	135.21	138.30	167.20
C. Carryover charges to State Govt.	16.87	55.66	*	*
D. Acquisition cost (A+B+C)	634.07	700.94	703.61	737.86
E Distribution Cost**	163.09	171.38	126.03	133.67
F. Economic Cost	797.16	872.32	829.64	871.53
RICE				
A. Pooled Cost.	787.70	861.16	907.39	932.98
B. Procurement incidentals	65.50	77.09	88.11	90.50
C. Acquisition Cost (A+B)	853.20	938.25	995.50	1023.48
D. Distribution Cost**	173.47	172.69	152.57	153.00
E. Economic Cost	1026.67	1110.94	1148.07	1176.48

Note:

* In view of the recommendations of the Expenditure Reforms Commission (E.R.C) carryover charges are to be included in buffer carrying cost from 2000-01 instead of the acquisition cost.

** From 2000-01 distribution cost has gone down due to allocation of freight and transit loss to buffer cost as per revised allocation principles suggested by the E.R.C.

Rejection of wheat by Indonesia

2609. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian wheat has been rejected again by another country Indonesia in view of poor quality; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to make stringent quality check to honour the commitment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) No, Sir. However, it has been reported in the newspaper that Bogasari Flour Mills Indonesia, had stopped buying Indian wheat due to quality reasons as the grain had a high dirt content. The newspaper report also states that Bogasari Director did not rule out future purchases from India if the grain quality improved. Indonesia has imported wheat from Indian PSUs viz. PEC, STC and MMTC, who have reportedly exported 1,66,000 tonnes of wheat to Indonesia during the period November, 2000 to April, 2001.

(b) Government has directed the Food Corporation of India to set up cleaning facilities at Kandla Port or any other port from which export takes place. The Food Corporation of India has not directly undertaken the export of wheat. The exporters have been given the freedom to identify wheat for export.

Foodgrains stocks for employment generation

2610. SHRI A. VUAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any specific plan to use the existing food stocks for employment generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding the existing stocks and duration thereof; and

(d) whether Government would reduce the issue price for BPL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b)

Foodgrains (rice and wheat) have been allotted for organizing various employment generation programmes under the Food for Work Programme in the drought affected areas of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan. Since January 2001, a quantity of about 22.19 lakh tonnes of foodgrains has been allocated to these States, free of cost, as per details given below:—

(in tonnes)

State	Rice	Wheat	Total
Andhra Pradesh	300000	0	300000
Chhatisgarh	507000	0	507000
Gujarat	31590	116515	148105
Himachal Pradesh	11549	0	11549
Karnataka	57460	42540	100000
Maharashtra	10000	40000	50000
Madhya Pradesh	54424	158655	213079
Orissa	150000	0	150000
Rajasthan	0	739505	739505
Total	1122023	1097215	2219238